What's the Weather Like Today?

Teaching children to observe the weather is a great way to introduce them to science. It also has greater meaning to them because they experience weather each and every day when they are outside. Creating a chart where each day's weather is recorded offers an opportunity to see weather patterns and the connection to weather changes and seasons.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Knowledge of earth's environment, communication skills, taking turns, critical thinking

WHAT YOU NEED

- Recording of "What's the Weather Like Today?"
- "What's the Weather Like Today?" visuals
- Access to a window with a view of outside



WHAT TO DO

- Before implementing this as a normal practice in the daily routine, have all the children go
 to the window to observe the day's weather while singing the song. Be sure to practice a
 few times to set them up for success and confirm their understanding of the activity.
- Once children know the routine, begin singing the song as a verbal cue for all to go to the window or the child chosen during "Class Helpers".
- Repeat the song throughout the entire observation time, ending the song when everyone (or the weather watcher) has returned to circle.
- Help children collectively agree on the weather for that day.
- Place the day's weather on the square and record the weather on the weather chart if desired.

LYRICS

Tune: "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" Oh, what's the weather like today? (clap, clap) Oh, what's the weather like today? (clap, clap) Is it sunny or rainy or cloudy or snowy? Oh, what's the weather like today? (clap, clap)

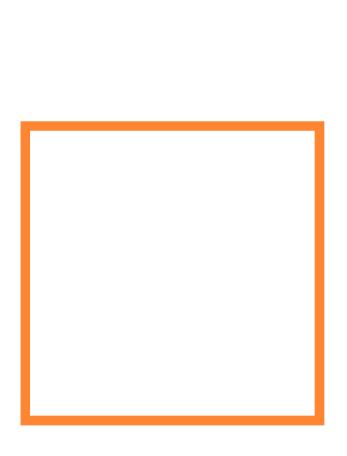
Literacy Links

Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today?: All About Weather by Tish Rabe Freddy the Forecaster by Janice Dean



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The temperature today is...



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Print, cut out and laminate pictures below. Place velcro on the back with the opposite piece of velcro on the main "what's the weather" chart.

